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### **Governor McDonnell to Speak at Family and Fatherhood Conference** *Strengthening families connected to overcoming poverty*

Governor Bob McDonnell will address the [Family Strengthening & Fatherhood Initiative Conference](#) tomorrow, Sept. 28, in Richmond. Research indicates that children raised in two-parent households are at a lower risk of living in poverty. Attendees will develop strategies to strengthen families and fatherhood engagement. The conference is presented by the Virginia Department of Social Services.

**What:** [Governor McDonnell](#) at Family Strengthening & Fatherhood Conference

**When:** Tuesday, Sept. 28 at 1:45 p.m.  
Conference [program](#) (see full agenda, pg. 4)

**Where:** [Holiday Inn Select](#)  
Koger Conference Center  
1021 Koger Center Blvd.  
Richmond, Va. 23235

*Lift Off - Gaining Speed and Direction for Virginia's Families* will explore a number of issues related to families and fatherhood including paternity establishment, child support enforcement, teen parenting and overcoming barriers to father involvement.

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